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Commencement Program
Class of 2000



Friday, December 22

2:00 p.m.

Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse



Our Mission

The mission of Minnesota State University Moorhead is to foster excellence in teaching and learning. The University strives to provide an educational environment that supports intellectual development, that welcomes diversity, and that develops the skills and talents of women and men so that they have the capacity to live usefully, act responsibly, and be learners all their lives. The academic programs at the University are founded upon a common liberal studies experience and emphasize developing the unique talents of each person. The University provides baccalaureate-level programs in the liberal arts, natural and social sciences, teacher education, business and technology, the fine arts, and professional areas. It provides selected graduate programs in response to regional needs.

The University encourages scholarly and creative endeavors that promote a commitment by faculty and students to their disciplines, to continuing professional development, and to excellence in learning.

The University enhances the quality of life of the region with the professional, cultural, and recreational services offered by its students, faculty, and staff.



Minnesota State University Moorhead is one of seven comprehensive Minnesota state universities established to provide the citizens of Minnesota access to quality educational programs at moderate cost. Minnesota State University Moorhead's primary responsibility is to provide baccalaureate programs to residents of northwest and west central Minnesota. Through tuition reciprocity agreements, the University also provides educational services to residents of several regional states and one province.

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Commencement

Processional

"Trumpet Voluntary" by John Stanley
Dr. Rodney J. Rothlisberger, Assistant Professor, organist

Staff Bearer

Dr. Derald D. Rothmann, Professor, Mathematics

Welcome

Dr. Roland E. Barden
President of Minnesota State University Moorhead

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees

Honorable Michael Vekich, Chair
Honorable Joann Splonskowski, Treasurer

Musical Selection

"Wind Beneath My Wings", words and music by Larry Henley and Jeff Silbar
Jenny Olson, Instructor, soloist
Dr. Rodney J. Rothlisberger, accompanist

Commencement Address

Ginger Deitz, Teacher at Madison Elementary School, Fargo
Fargo School District and 2001 North Dakota Teacher of the Year
Class of 1971 and 1977

Presentation of Candidates for Diplomas and Degrees*

Dr. Bette G. Midgarden, Vice President of Academic Affairs

Associate in Arts

Dr. Theodore A. Gracyk, Dean of the College of Education and Human Services

Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Fine Arts; Bachelor of Music

Dr. Ronald M. Jeppson, Dean of the College of Natural and Social Sciences

Bachelor of Science

Dr. Virginia H. Klenk, Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Bachelor of Social Work

Dr. Carol S. Dobitz, Dean of the College of Business and Industry

Master of Business Administration; Master of Science; Specialist

Dr. Dorothy M. Suomala, Director of Graduate Studies

Conferring of Diplomas and Degrees

Dr. Roland E. Barden
Mr. John V. Tandberg, Registrar

The Alma Mater

Recessional

"Marche Romaine" by Charles Gounod
Dr. Rodney J. Rothlisberger, organist

* When taking pictures in the designated photo area, please be respectful of others wishing to see the program.

The audience is asked to stand for the Processional and Recessional. A reception will be held immediately following the Commencement exercises at the north end of the Fieldhouse.



Ginger Deitz



Ginger Deitz, who teaches at Madison Elementary School in Fargo, is North Dakota's 2001 Teacher of the Year.

A 1971 MSUM graduate, Deitz began her career teaching special education at the Wahpeton Indian School. She joined the Fargo School district in 1974 as a special education teacher at the self-contained learning disabilities program at Hawthorne Elementary School.

Three years after earning her master's degree in reading from MSUM in 1977, she started teaching at Madison Elementary School. This, her 29th year in the classroom, she teaches a second- and third-grade class at Madison, now one of the district's most multi-cultural schools.

In 1988 she helped launch Literacy of the HEART, a nationally recognized program to improve reading skills among refugee families in the Madison neighborhood. She was also named Fargo Teacher of the Year this fall.

"I really want people to realize that I do not teach in isolation," said Deitz, who often draws family members, college students and university experts into her teaching. "One of my goals is and has always been to build community into my classroom."

Deitz says she'll use the podium that comes with the state honor to be a spokeswoman and advocate for education in North Dakota.

"To really meet the needs of children in our classrooms, we really cannot do it alone," she said. "Academic and social behavior are profoundly intertwined. The beliefs we have about our individual potential come in part from the attitudes of our families and other adults in our lives. They also come from the larger society, with schools being a prominent place where children and young people see how they are valued by society in general. Through my classroom management, I strive for the creation of self-control and a strong sense of community."

Associate in Arts

Lehrke, Michelle Marie
Fergus Falls, MN
Liberal Arts

Mattson, Matthew Gene
West Fargo, ND
Liberal Arts

Schlack, Jacob Benjamin
Litchfield, MN
Liberal Arts

Tast, Sarah Jeanne
McGregor, MN
Liberal Arts

Bachelor of Arts

Aamold, Katie Ann
Alexandria, MN
History; Political Science
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Anderson, Trista Leah
Warren, MN
Art; Mass Communications

Arnau-Dewar, Sandra L.
Moorhead, MN
English/Mass Communications
CUM LAUDE

Baardsen, Dawn Elizabeth
Frazee, MN
Criminal Justice; Political Science

Bierscheid, Heidi Jean
Watertown, SD
Criminal Justice

Bonkoski, Janette Marie
St. Croix Falls, WI
Political Science, Criminal Justice

Brookshire, Donna Marie
Grandin, ND
History

Brustuen, Julie Christine
Morris, MN
Gerontology

Burns, Hanneli Marie
Moorhead, MN
Anthropology

Carley, Christopher Thomas
Fargo, ND
Speech Communication;
English: Writing

Chapman, Desiree Dawn
Lakeville, MN
Theatre Arts

Collins, Ben Grant
Barnesville, MN
Criminal Justice; Sociology

Del Val, Wesley John
Moorhead, MN
American Studies

Edland, Christin F.
Mandan, ND
Psychology; Management

Ellingson, Lindsey Jo
Yankton, SD
Economics; Marketing

Erickson, Jill Marie
Anoka, MN
Psychology; Sociology

Flakker, Michael Lee
Fargo, ND
Criminal Justice

Funk, Tobis Elliot
Fargo, ND
Economics
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Gillette, William B.
Moorhead, MN
Anthropology; American Indian
Studies
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Grismer, Jean Marie
Frazee, MN
Psychology; Women's Studies

Gritti, Jason Kenneth
Fargo, ND
Biology

Haapapuro, Renee Jeanette
Fargo, ND
English, Psychology

Hansen, Stacy Ann
Lisbon, ND
Criminal Justice, Sociology

Hart, Joel Wayne
West Fargo, ND
Economics

Herrmann, Amanda Michelle
Columbia, SD
Criminal Justice, Psychology
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Holding Eagle, Doreen L.
Fargo, ND
Criminal Justice

Holscher, Erin Elizabeth
Fargo, ND
Art
CUM LAUDE

Holtgrewe, Gregory Michael
Moorhead, MN
Speech Communication

Hulteen, Jeremy Alan
Thief River Falls, MN
Philosophy, Art;
Humanities: Fine Arts
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Johnson, Aaron Christopher
Remer, MN
East Asian Studies; History

Johnson, Jeremiah H.
Valley City, ND
English/Mass Communications
CUM LAUDE

Johnson, Kristi Jo
Fargo, ND
Anthropology; Social Welfare

Kobrinisky, Sarah Margaret Ruth
Fargo, ND
Anthropology; English: Writing

Kuntz, Curtis John
Fargo, ND
Economics

Kuntz, Kristen Jane
Rockford, MN
English

Laing, Thomas MacKenzie
Rosemount, MN
Speech Communication
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Larson, Rachel Ann
Newfolden, MN
English; Music
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Leach, Kial Alan
Moorhead, MN
Criminal Justice;
Political Science

Louden, Kellie Marie
Lisbon, ND
Theatre Arts; Music

Matti, Lynn Marie
New York Mills, MN
Criminal Justice

McCleerey, Stephanie Ann
Sisseton, SD
Political Science; Women's Studies

McCloskey, Shannon Gail
Fargo, ND
Sociology; Women's Studies

McKinstry, Seth Allen
Rapid City, SD
Music; Humanities: Fine Arts

Metcalf, Hallie Christine
Fergus Falls, MN
Criminal Justice; Sociology

Mullen, Meredith Jean
Bismarck, ND
Art
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Myers, Melissa Ann Huck
Moorhead, MN
Gerontology

Nannenga, Thomas Lee
Oakes, ND
Anthropology; Management

Nord, Heather Ann
Duluth, MN
History

Nyara, Rachael Jeanne
Ramsey, MN
English; Mass Communications

Olson, Kari Sue
Lake City, MN
Spanish; Marketing
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Oster, Holly Ann
Watkins, MN
Psychology

Otto, Heidi Jo
Mandan, ND
Criminal Justice

Peterson, Benjamin Andrew
St. Cloud, MN
History

Piela, Eric Richard
Mandan, ND
Speech Communication
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Preuss, June Gregg
Grand Forks, ND
Philosophy

Puetz, Jessica Ann
Wahpeton, ND
Spanish
MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Puklich, Jonathan P.K.
Fargo, ND
Political Science

Reitan, Mark Robert
Waubun, MN
History

Rogen, Rachel Ann
Fargo, ND
Psychology

Satrom, Jennifer Allan
Fargo, ND
Music

Sattler, Erin Marie
 Fargo, ND
 Criminal Justice; Sociology

Schinzel, Matthew Craig
 Ramsey, MN
 Political Science; Economics

Schmidt, Michael Todd
 Dilworth, MN
 Criminal Justice

Schmitz, Mark Joseph
 Bloomington, MN
 Criminal Justice; Sociology

Schneider, Melissa Marie
 Moorhead, MN
 Music

Seng, Justin Matthew
 Hallock, MN
 History

Setterholm, Kurt Gordon
 Battle Lake, MN
 Biology; Chemistry
 MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Smithwick, John Allen
 Detroit Lakes, MN
 Sociology, Psychology
 MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Stewart, Aaron Thomas
 Roanoke, VA
 Economics

Strandemo, Jill Ann
 Mahnomen, MN
 Art
 SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Stugelmeyer, Jason Jerome
 Fargo, ND
 Criminal Justice

Sumner, Gitta Yema Mariama
 London, England
 English; Biology
 CUM LAUDE

Tenderholt, Paula Jean
 Hawley, MN
 Gerontology; Political Science

Thompson, Christopher Erik
 Fargo, ND
 English

Thompson, Jacqueline Faye
 West Fargo, ND
 Criminal Justice

Thorpe, Lisa Ellen
 Aberdeen, SD
 Criminal Justice

Wentz, Brian James
 Fargo, ND
 Economics

Wynne, Renee Ann
 Fargo, ND
 East Asian Studies

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Gunderson, Brian Allen
 Minot, ND
 Art

Helm, Louise Mary
 Mounds View, MN
 Art

Hendrickson, Amy Jo
 Dent, MN
 Art

Husby, Steven Colin
 Moorhead, MN
 Art

Klein, Steven Douglas
 Minot, ND
 Art

Moe, Michael Carl
 Saint Paul, MN
 Art

Olmsted, Chad David
 Mandan, ND
 Art

Pelant, Mark Varner
 St. Michael, MN
 Art

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Bergstrom, Arron Michael
 Minneapolis, MN
 Music Industry

Johnson, Samantha Jean
 Marshall, MN
 Music Industry

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Aanenson, Shane David
 Karlstad, MN
 Physical Education;
 Coaching, Health Education

Abidi, Syed Ali Haider
 Dubai, UAE
 Business Administration

Affield, Corey Gaylen
 Fergus Falls, MN
 Management Information
 Systems;
 Business Administration

Amundson, Michael Scott
 Fargo, ND
 Accounting

Anderson, Melinda Marie
 Ada, MN
 Finance
 MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Anderson, Sara J.
 Fargo, ND
 Special Education
 CUM LAUDE

Athmann, Lori Lynn
 Wadena, MN
 Paralegal

Atique, Muhammad Rizwan
 Karachi, Pakistan
 Computer Information Systems

Bachman, Julie Marie
 Frazee, MN
 Elementary Education
 MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Bahls, Melanie Doris
 Detroit Lakes, MN
 Construction Management

Baillie, Taralynn Danette
 Fargo, ND
 Mass Communications

Barnack, Sara Marie
 Alexandria, MN
 Special Education,
 Elementary Education

Beaner, Kelly Jean
 Hoven, SD
 Paralegal

Beyer-Olson, Tricia Dawn
 North Mankato, MN
 Special Education,
 Early Childhood Education
 CUM LAUDE

Bladow, Dawn LaRae
 Wahpeton, ND
 Business Administration,
 Marketing

Blair, Justin David
 Bismarck, ND
 English Education
 SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Blascyk, Daniel Anthony
 Cloquet, MN
 Athletic Training,
 Physical Education
 CUM LAUDE

Bolton, Sara Lynn
 Alexandria, MN
 University Studies

Bonik, Angela M.
 Fargo, ND
 Elementary Education

Borchers, Jill Diancy
 Mandan, ND
 Mass Communications

Bredell, Michelle Cerina
 Fargo, ND
 Accounting
 CUM LAUDE

Burris, Kevinn Lorenzo
 Midwest City, OK
 Marketing

Cain, Kristine Patricia
 Willmar, MN
 Mass Communications

Cannon, Amie Kay
 Park Rapids, MN
 Elementary Education

Cao, Shanzhen
 Fremont, CA
 Computer Information Systems
 MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Carlson, Grady Robert
 Moorhead, MN
 Art Education

Carlson, Jed Douglas
 Willmar, MN
 Mass Communications
 CUM LAUDE

Carlson, Tiffany Lee
 West Fargo, ND
 Elementary Education

Chant, Brandon George
 Farmington, MN
 Physical Education

Chowdhury, Riaz Ehsan Ali
 Minnetonka, MN
 Business Administration

Christensen, Amanda Kay
 Barnesville, MN
 Elementary Education;
 Language and Literacy, Spanish
 SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Cizek, Jaclyn Ann Wilhelmson
 Audubon, MN
 Finance
 SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Claveau, Nicole Juanita
 Andover, MN
 Mass Communications

Congdon, Carrie Christine
 Sioux Falls, SD
 Early Childhood Education

Cordes, Katie Melissa
 Amery, WI
 Special Education,
 Early Childhood Education

Cox, Daniel James
 Osage, MN
 Construction Management

Cummings, Alicia Ann
 Fargo, ND
 Special Education
 MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Danielson, Karen A.
 Rothsay, MN
 Music Education

Davis, Amanda Wayland
 Fargo, ND
 Mass Communications
 SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Daws, Teresa Kaye
 Fargo, ND
 Marketing

DeMers, Kari Ann
 East Grand Forks, MN
 Mass Communications

DeMinck, Michael David
 Fargo, ND
 Industrial Technology

Dignan, Jonie Lynne
 Fargo, ND
 Accounting

Docken, Justin Aaron Leibfried
 Fargo, ND
 Computer Information Systems,
 Management Information Systems

Doherty, Shannon Marie
 St. Anthony, MN
 Business Administration

Dohman, Jennifer Lynn
 Breckenridge, MN
 Business Administration

Dolajak, Christopher Robert
 Bismarck, ND
 Mass Communications

Dorry, Stacy Rae
 Ortonville, MN
 Elementary Education

Dotseth, Alicia Rae
 West Fargo, ND
 Mass Communications

Doubek, Shelly Marie
 Anamoose, ND
 Business Administration

Downey, Stacey Eva Jeanette
 Dilworth, MN
 Business Administration

Downing, Heidi Rae
 Parkers Prairie, MN
 Social Studies; Biology

Durbin, Valerie Dawn
 West Fargo, ND
 Business Administration

Ehlis-Chang, Andrea Jane
 Sacramento, CA
 Mass Communications

Erickson, James Gregory
 Fargo, ND
 Marketing

Essler, Sarah Marie
 Stanley, ND
 Elementary Education

Fasching, Kelly Anne Marie
 New Brighton, MN
 Business Administration

Feickert, James A.
 Fargo, ND
 Health Services Administration

Finkelson, Tyler Jay
 Dalton, MN
 Elementary Education

Finseth, Susan Marie Otnes
 Fergus Falls, MN
 Individualized Major: Human
 Services
 SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Focke, Sherri Lyne
 Bismarck, ND
 Social Studies

Friesen, Paula Kay
 West Fargo, ND
 Business Administration

Gallagher, Patrick William
 Halstad, MN
 Construction Management

Garberg, Andra Jo
 Moorhead, MN
 Elementary Education
 CUM LAUDE

Gasper, Adrienne Jean
 Waukesha, WI
 Elementary Education;
 Language and Literacy

Geffre, Paul Joseph
 Portland, ND
 Business Administration

Geving, Denese Marchelle
 Mandan, ND
 Elementary Education
 CUM LAUDE

Giddings, Trisha Sue
 Moorhead, MN
 Physical Education; Coaching

Golombiecki, Jaimie Lynn
 Fergus Falls, MN
 Graphic Communication;
 Marketing

Goodale, Nicole Lynn
 Bismarck, ND
 Mass Communications
 SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Gross, Katherine Eileen
 Fargo, ND
 Business Administration

Grove, Tara Lynne
 Sauk Centre, MN
 Business Administration

Hagen, Kody Jay
 Clearbrook, MN
 Graphic Communications

Hagen, Nathan Martin
 Wood Lake, MN
 Business Administration
 MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Hammer, Christina Marie
 Miltona, MN
 Early Childhood Education

Hanson, Clarice Lynn
 Ponsford, MN
 Elementary Education;
 Spanish, Art
 SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Hartigan, Jodi Ann
 Sauk Centre, MN
 Finance; Accounting
 SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Haugen, Kimberly Ann Jurgens
 Milbank, SD
 Elementary Education

Heinz, Julie Clayann
 West Fargo, ND
 Business Administration

Helgenset, Hans Ernest
 Thief River Falls, MN
 Business Administration

Henry, Christine Ann
 Moorhead, MN
 Special Education

Hermann, Michael Edward
 Apple Valley, MN
 Marketing

Hilgers, Benjamin Paul
 Fargo, ND
 International Business, Spanish
 CUM LAUDE

Holand, Jennifer Sue
 Minot, ND
 Art Education

Hovland, Michelle Yoori
 Rothsay, MN
 Finance

Huffman, Jeffrey Paul
 Fargo, ND
 English Education

Huss, Nicole Ann
 Fargo, ND
 Business Administration

Ilvedson, Christine Ellen
 Kindred, ND
 Business Administration

Jacobs, Katherine Ellen
 Marshall, MN
 Business Administration;
 Spanish

Jacobs, Mark Louis
 Coon Rapids, MN
 Physical Education
 CUM LAUDE

Jacobs, RoAnne Alexis Holzworth
 Moorhead, MN
 Health Services Administration

Jacobson, Scott Aaron
 Pipestone, MN
 Elementary Education
 MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Jipson, Keith Allen
 Breckenridge, MN
 Computer Science

Johnson, Jenny Lee
 Thief River Falls, MN
 Physical Education
 CUM LAUDE

Johnson, Krisandra Ann
 Hillsboro, ND
 Health Education; Community
 Health

Johnson, Matthew Allen
 Breckenridge, MN
 Mass Communications; Marketing

Johnson-Steiskal, Kristen Ann Big Lake, MN Elementary Education	Kroh, Cherie Dawn Moorhead, MN Physical Education SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Lee, Rebecca Ann Colfax, ND Elementary Education	Martinson, Ethan William Fargo, ND Management Information Systems	Neys, Sara Jo Pingree, ND Mass Communications; Marketing	Pieri, Patricia Ann Curran Fargo, ND Elementary Education SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Sandstrom, Mellissa Ann Gwinner, ND Paralegal	Snow, Erika Lynn Pierre, SD Elementary Education; Early Childhood Education
Jorissen, Jennifer Lea Fargo, ND Marketing	Krueger, Leah Marie Willmar, MN Special Education	Lee, Sarah Lynne Walcott, ND Elementary Education	Martodam, Tracy Jean Hawley, MN Finance	Nguyen, Melissa Thi Watertown, SD Elementary Education	Pitzel, Michelle Leigh Frazee, MN Management CUM LAUDE	Satrom, Jennifer Allan Fargo, ND Elementary Education	Sollom, Meg Amber Moorhead, MN Business Administration
Kafka, Joyela Moorhead, MN Computer Science	Krueger, Tovia Christine Canby, MN Management	Lenzmeier, Mary Kathryn West Fargo, ND Elementary Education; Language and Literacy CUM LAUDE	McMerty, Marc Nathan Bismarck, ND Finance; Marketing	Nicholls, Stacy Louise Devils Lake, ND Mass Communications	Pompe, David Carl Park Rapids, MN Social Studies CUM LAUDE	Sauvageau, Renne Lynn Fargo, ND Special Education	Sorenson, Jodi Dawn Washburn, ND Marketing
Kalkman, Kristine Marie Sartell, MN Elementary Education CUM LAUDE	Kunka, Stacy Marie Moorhead, MN Mass Communications; Marketing	Lindberg, Stacy Jo Chatfield, MN Special Education	Mekalsen, Andrew J. Battle Lake, MN Elementary Education	Ohgara, Kaname Akita, Japan Graphic Communication	Porter, Brian Michael Detroit Lakes, MN Elementary Education	Schatschneider, Chad Battle Lake, MN Physical Education; Community Health	Stanislawski, Rachel Joy Perham, MN Mass Communications
Kampen, Katie Elizabeth Milbank, SD Mass Communications	Kuznia, Nathan John Stephen, MN Industrial Technology	Loch, Mitchell James Alexandria, MN Special Education	Meyer, Suzanne Lynn Crookston, MN Mass Communications; Speech Communication, Political Science	Olson, Adam Boyd Fergus Falls, MN Elementary Education	Poskozim, Rachel Irene Stillwater, MN Paralegal	Scheffler, William Curtis Barnesville, MN Computer Information Systems	Steiger-Krein, Kelsie Lorine Fargo, ND Accounting, Business Administration MAGNA CUM LAUDE
Kaufman, Michael Lee Sebek, MN Computer Information Systems, Management Information Systems	Kyvig, Jennifer S. Benson, MN University Studies; Spanish	Longtime, Troy Alan Moorhead, MN Finance	Miller, Katie Ann Little Falls, MN Spanish Education SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Olson, Heather Ann Benson, MN Management	Puetz, Jessica Ann Wahpeton, ND International Business MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Schnell, Kyle Arthur Bushnell, NE Computer Information Systems CUM LAUDE	Stoa, Jodi Marie Brooklyn Park, MN English Education
Kavanaugh, Ryan D. Downers Grove, IL Physical Education	Lake, Elli Suzanne Fargo, ND Elementary Education; Coaching	Love, Heather Michelle Crookston, MN Speech/Language/Hearing Science; Biology	Miller, Lorilee Marie Breckenridge, MN Elementary Education	Oster Jr., Anthony Allen Lidgerwood, ND Accounting	Rader, Brandie Marie Fargo, ND Paralegal	Schow, Sara Elizabeth Blomkest, MN Elementary Education; Early Childhood Education	Stockinger, Amy Lee Sartell, MN University Studies
Kehrwald, Karen Lee Wahpeton, ND Special Education	Lammers, Amy Ruth Dilworth, MN Business Administration	Luedemann, Jessie Marie Buffalo, MN Business Administration	Miller, Sara Beth Rockford, MN Elementary Education; Language and Literacy SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Paasch, Chad Robert Princeton, MN Construction Management CUM LAUDE	Reamann, Todd Matthew Fargo, ND Finance	Schulte, Rebecca Marie Fergus Falls, MN Construction Management CUM LAUDE	Stroud, Daniel James West Fargo, ND Business Administration
Kinsey, Rachel Anne Big Timber, MT Elementary Education CUM LAUDE	Larsen, Angela Dawn Marshall, MN Accounting MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Lund, Erin LeAnn Richville, MN English Education; English: Writing SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Moellenkamp, Lisa D. Fargo, ND Industrial Technology	Pangarakis, Anthony Joseph Fergus Falls, MN Graphic Communication; Mass Communications	Reilly, Kathleen Louise New Ulm, MN Mass Communications	Schwan, Shana Lee Fargo, ND Elementary Education	Swenson, Leisha A. Detroit Lakes, MN Finance
Kirschenman, Beata Marie Moorhead, MN University Studies	Larson, Carey L. Svea, MN Business Administration	Lysne, Amy Lynn Oriska, ND Mass Communications	Mollberg, Amber Jo Luverne, MN Elementary Education	Peterson, David Christopher Ada, MN Elementary Education	Restad, Charla Kay Pelican Rapids, MN Elementary Education	Selander, Jillian Lee Hutchinson, MN Special Education	Syverson, Kimberly Ann Ada, MN Community Health
Kjelden, Aryn Melissa Bloomington, MN Special Education	Larson, Matthew Scott Ramsey, MN Business Administration	MacArthur, Chrystal Dawn Devils Lake, ND Elementary Education	Moore, Erin Michael Roseville, MN English Education	Peterson, Jeffrey Alan Moorhead, MN Hotel Motel Restaurant Management	Riewer, Michael Paul Frazee, MN Accounting	Shaw, Courtney Glenn Richville, MN Management CUM LAUDE	Thomas, Craig Curtis Moorhead, MN Spanish Education
Kleist, Daniel Robert Buffalo, MN Construction Management	Larson, Victor James Moorhead, MN Computer Information Systems	Maday, Sara Jo Fairmont, MN English Education	Mullen, Richard William Fargo, ND Finance	Peterson, Leigh Harris Fridley, MN University Studies	Rodgers, Scott Michael Battle Lake, MN Business Administration	Shores, Kevin R. Moorhead, MN University Studies	Thompson, Lara P. Medora, ND Elementary Education SUMMA CUM LAUDE
Knapp, Charles Willard Fargo, ND University Studies	Lauer, Rachael Frances Northfield, MN Mass Communications	Mahany, Tonya Sue Fargo, ND Accounting	Nagel, Christie Marie Bismarck, ND Elementary Education	Peterson, Stephanie Linnea Moorhead, MN Elementary Education; Early Childhood Education	Rost, Amy Lynn Park River, ND Elementary Education CUM LAUDE	Sievert, Kari Jo Sioux Falls, SD Elementary Education	Thormodsgard-Jahner, Holly J. Hettinger, ND Elementary Education; Early Childhood Education MAGNA CUM LAUDE
Knutson, Travas Duane Moorhead, MN Finance	Laverty, Lynda S. Moorhead, MN Paralegal SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Marohl, Trevor Allen Fergus Falls, MN Physical Education; Health Education	Nehrebetsky, Vasil Bogdanovych Mikulintsy, Ukraine Business Administration	Peterson, Stephen E. Moorhead, MN Computer Science; Physics	Rylance, Mark Richard Eden Prairie, MN Management Information Systems	Sigette, Kristen Noell Devils Lake, ND Elementary Education	Trenda, Robert Joel Fargo, ND Accounting
Kraft, McKenzie Christine Moorhead, MN Mass Communications	Lavoll, Michelle Lee Fargo, ND Business Administration	Martin, Michael L. Fargo, ND Business Administration MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Neil, Jennifer Katherine Dilworth, MN English Education	Peterson, Steven Wayne Brandon, MN Business Administration	Salvatore, Krista Marie Fargo, ND Physical Education	Skauge, Richard Joseph Lake Park, MN Business Administration	Twomey, Matthew George Eagan, MN Elementary Education
Kram, Jonathan Michael Baxter, MN Business Administration	Lawrence, Jana Suzanne Fargo, ND Business Administration		Nelson, Jill Marie Bismarck, ND Construction Management	Peterson, Wanda Jean Glyndon, MN Business Administration CUM LAUDE	Sanchez, Vicente Alfredo Fargo, ND Computer Science	Smith, Gavin Douglas West Fargo, ND Business Administration	Tychkin, Andrey Yuryevich Ekaterinburg, Russia Management

Vetter, Corey Joseph Fargo, ND Industrial Technology	Winter, Monica June Twin Valley, MN Music Education	Kuhlmann, Maria Damo Pelican Rapids, MN Social Work	Kloster, Mary Beth Fargo, ND Educational Administration
Vogelbacher, Darcy Marie Moorhead, MN Elementary Education	Winterquist, Heather A. Grandin, ND Mass Communications	Lennberg, Amanda Marie Fargo, ND Social Work	Kolness, Michael Leydon Ada, MN Educational Administration
Volk, Jerome David West Fargo, ND Computer Information Systems	Woeste, Steve James Sauk Centre, MN Business Administration	Nordlum, Sara Elizabeth Crookston, MN Social Work	Maanum, Jody L. Cyrus, MN Special Education
Wallace, Michael William Danvers, MN Construction Management	Wolff, David Shawn Moorhead, MN Elementary Education CUM LAUDE	Olund, Lynn W. Fargo, ND Social Work; Political Science, Sociology	Mastel, Lisa A. Fargo, ND Counseling & Student Affairs
Wallin, Abraham Joseph Crosslake, MN Social Studies	Wynne, Renee Ann Fargo, ND International Business, Accounting	Samse, Kristina K. Fargo, ND Social Work	Mihlbauer, Arlette Ellen Fargo, ND Special Education
Warner, Nathan Roland Bismarck, ND Mass Communications; Economics	Young, Heidi Lyn Hawley, MN Marketing	Walters, Malinda Ann Fargo, ND Social Work	Mimnaugh, Janice Breckenridge, MN Special Education
Waters, Joey Marie Duluth, MN Elementary Education; Coaching	Zavoral, David Lee East Grand Forks, MN Mass Communications; Construction Management	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION Ebersviller, LeAnn Vergas, MN Business Administration	Mischke, Larry A. Clinton, MN Educational Administration
Watzke, Joseph Peter Morris, MN Management	Zeihner, Wendy Michelle Henderson, MN Physical Education, Health Education; Coaching MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Haiby, Jay Trevor Moorhead, MN Business Administration	Naugle, Matthew Richard Thief River Falls, MN Educational Administration
Wegh, Tara Lynn Wagner Dickinson, ND Finance	Zimbelman, Stacey R. Oakes, ND Accounting	Jenson, Randall Scott Audubon, MN Business Administration	Nellermoe, Christopher Jon Moorhead, MN Educational Administration
Weiland, Jessica Lee Wahpeton, ND Elementary Education MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Zirnhelt, Jacquelyn JoAnne Forman, ND International Business	Victor, Donald George Rapid City, SD Business Administration	Nodsle, Rebecca L. Corona, SD Special Education
Wiechmann, Angela Marie Moorhead, MN Special Education SUMMA CUM LAUDE	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING Ragan, Nola Lee Sisseton, SD Nursing	MASTER OF SCIENCE Andress, Shawn L. Akeley, MN Educational Administration	Olthoff, Kyle Lee Moorhead, MN Special Education
Wild, Lindsay Sarah Edinburg, ND Elementary Education; Language and Literacy SUMMA CUM LAUDE	BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK Fischer, Chad Ray Jamestown, ND Social Work, Criminal Justice	Barlow, Laurie Ann Fargo, ND Reading	Reinhardt, Wendy L. Zap, ND Speech & Language Pathology
Wilson, Mark Ronald Minneapolis, MN Construction Management	Holding Eagle, Doreen L. Fargo, ND Social Work	Franklin, Bradley Lee Moorhead, MN Educational Administration	Weber, Eileen Rae Henning, MN Educational Administration
Wilson, Michelle Angela Moorhead, MN Elementary Education MAGNA CUM LAUDE		Gardner, Alana Christine Fargo, ND Educational Administration	SPECIALIST Bartholomay, Joel R. Crookston, MN School Psychology
		Gulbranson, Linda Mae Shevlin, MN Special Education	

Majors and Minors

The Commencement Program lists all majors and minors which have been completed. If a student has completed two majors, the majors are separated by a comma (English, Speech Communication); if a student has completed a major and a minor, the major and minor are separated by a semi-colon (English; Speech Communication). If a student has earned a minor via the Tri-College University, the home institution is listed after the minor and placed in parentheses, i.e. Horticulture Production (NDSU).

Academic Honors

Students who complete at least 64 credits at Minnesota State University Moorhead as candidates for baccalaureate degrees may graduate with the following honors:

CUM LAUDE representing a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or higher

MAGNA CUM LAUDE representing a cumulative grade point average of 3.60 or higher

SUMMA CUM LAUDE representing a cumulative grade point average of 3.80 or higher

Such honors are computed from the cumulative grade point average earned in all courses at Minnesota State University Moorhead. The graduates who have earned these honors will have the achievement listed on their academic transcripts. The CUM LAUDE graduates wear white honor cords. The MAGNA CUM LAUDE graduates wear red honor cords. The SUMMA CUM LAUDE graduates wear red and white honor cords.

Honors Program Graduates

The Minnesota State University Moorhead Honors Program exists to award and encourage superior academic performance. Students who have earned a 3.50 grade point average during their freshman year are invited to participate in the Honors Program. Those who complete the rigorous Honors Program curricular requirements are listed in the Commencement Program as Honors Program Graduates and have the achievement listed on their academic transcripts.

Honor Societies

Delta Mu Delta honor society is an academic society for students who major in Business. The requirements for membership in Delta Mu Delta are: (1) completion of the junior year, (2) a major in one of the business disciplines, and (3) a minimum GPA of 3.20. The honor pin is triangular in shape and features a ship with full sail and the Greek letters for Delta Mu Delta.

Beta Beta Beta National Biology Society is an academic society for students who major in Biology. The requirements for membership in the Omega Mu chapter of Beta Beta Beta are (1) at least three biology courses in the biology major, and (2) a minimum GPA of 3.0 in those courses. The honor pin displays three Greek letters, Beta Beta Beta, and a coiled serpent. The first Beta stands for the Greek word BALANNOS, which means acorn; it represents life in and on the ground. The second Beta stands for the Greek word BOUDETASE, which means little bird; it represents life in the air. The third Beta stands for the Greek word BOAX, which means fish; it represents life in the water. All three words may be summed up in one word BIOS, meaning life. The coiled serpent in the center of the pin is an ancient symbol of wisdom.

Phi Kappa Phi is a national academic honor society founded in 1897. MSUM’s Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1982. The requirements for membership to Phi Kappa Phi are: (1) top 5% of junior class, or (2) top 10% of graduating seniors, or (3) top 10% of graduate students. The honor pin appears as a gold octagon on a vertical bar. In the center of the octagon is a small globe, also gold, with a horizontal black band with the Greek letters for Phi Kappa Phi.

Pi Kappa Delta is a national honorary forensic organization within the Speech and Theatre Department and is for intercollegiate debaters, competitive individual speakers, non-classroom audience speakers and instructors who teach courses in oral communication. The requirements for membership to Pi Kappa Delta include a 2.0 minimum GPA. The pin, which is gold, features the letters PKD, the organization’s key, and a gavel. ☞

Pi Sigma Alpha is a national honor society for political science majors. The requirements for membership in the Mu Xi chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha are: (1) completion of 10 semester credits in political science including one 300-level class, (2) a minimum of 3.0 GPA in political science courses, and (3) a cumulative GPA of 3.0. The honor pin is a small gold pin with the honor society’s greek letters on the front and the members name, chapter, and date of induction on the back.

Psi Chi is an honorary society for psychology majors that was founded in 1929. Psi Chi is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and an affiliate of the American Psychological Association and the American Psychology Society. The MSUM Chapter of Psi Chi was established in the Psychology Department in 1984, and has recently celebrated its 15th anniversary. In addition to the national membership requirements of (1) a 3.0 GPA, (2) class rank in the top 35%, (3) completion of 3 semesters of college, and (4) 9 semester hours of psychology courses, the MSUM chapter requires a minimum GPA of 3.25 in psychology courses. Members of Psi Chi wear a small gold pin in the shape of the Greek letter Psi over the letter Chi.

Sigma Theta Tau International is an honorary society for nursing majors, and was founded in 1922. MSUM belongs to the Xi Kappa chapter. The founders chose the name from the Greek words Storga, Tharos, and Tima meaning “love,” “courage” and “honor”. The founder’s vision for the society helped bring recognition to nursing as a science. Membership is by invitation to baccalaureate and graduate nursing students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, and to community leaders who demonstrate exceptional achievement in nursing. The requirements for membership are (1) student rank in the top 35% of their class, and (2) a GPA of at least 3.0.

Academic Attire

The caps and gowns worn at formal academic events in American colleges are the direct descendants of the everyday costumes worn in the universities of Medieval England when each school had its peculiar dress so that an Oxford student could be distinguished from a Cambridge student. Because of the tremendous growth of American colleges, and the confusion that would result if each were to adopt a distinctive costume, the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume was organized. The Bureau has established a uniform code that over 700 institutions have adopted.

There are three types of gowns and three types of hoods for bachelors, masters, and doctors. The bachelors' gown has a long pointed sleeve whereas the masters' gown has a long closed sleeve, square at the end. The doctors' gown is characterized by a voluminous bell-shaped sleeve with three velvet bars.

The hoods for all degrees are lined with silk in the official academic color or colors of the institution conferring the degree and have an edging or trim of velvet, the color of which indicates the academic discipline or faculty to which the degree pertains. The bachelors' hood is not worn by candidates for the baccalaureate degree but only by those upon whom this degree has been previously conferred. The masters' hood is considerably longer, has a wider velvet edging, and exposes more of the lining. The doctors' hood has wide panels at the side, it has the widest velvet edging, greatest length, and fullest exposure of the lining.

The black mortarboard cap with tassel is worn with each type of gown. Those holding a doctor's degree are privileged to wear a gold tassel. Masters and bachelors wear tassels that are either black or of the color appropriate to the academic discipline in which they are being graduated.

Some of the colors which may be observed at this commencement and which symbolize various faculties are as follows:

Arts and Letters	White	Law	Purple
Business Administration	Brown	Music	Pink
Education	Light Blue	Philosophy	Blue
Humanities	Scarlet	Science	Golden Yellow
		Social Work	Citron

The University Mace

As the official symbol of the university's power and authority, this staff is carried in academic processions by the University President or his designee. Lyle Laske, Associate Professor Emeritus of Art at Minnesota State University Moorhead, crafted the staff for the university in memory of his colleague and friend, Dr. Roy Boe, who served as an Associate Professor of Art from 1967 to his death in 1976. The staff is sculpted from Brazilian rosewood rubbed and polished to a deep luster. Its tips are cast in bronze and gold plated. The top piece on the staff, also in rosewood, is shaped in a universal form which symbolizes the medieval northern world. The staff rests in a base that is a solid, circular piece of rosewood.

The staff was presented to then President Roland Dille in 1978. This year, the staff bearer is Derald Rothmann, Professor of Mathematics.

The Presidential Medallion

The Presidential Medallion serves as a sign of the educational mission of Minnesota State University Moorhead. The President's commitment to the university's purposes is renewed in each solemn academic function, when it is appropriate to wear the medallion and be recharged by its symbols.

The medallion presented to Roland Barden upon his inauguration was designed and cast in bronze by P. Richard Szeitz, a faculty member in the MSUM art department from 1966 to 1994.

The seal's Latin inscription translates to "Striving for excellence, stimulating toward the very best." The design incorporates images of the seven liberal arts, representing the disciplines of learning in the modern university. Originally, those disciplines were divided into the trivium (logic, grammar, rhetoric) and the quadrivium (astronomy, arithmetic, geometry and harmony).



The Original

The Dragon

MSU Moorhead's dragon was born in the fire that devastated Old Main, the school's central building, on February 9, 1930. Legend has it that Flora Frick, a prominent physical education professor at the time, came up with the school mascot when she saw the football team running out of a temporary dressing room below the campus heating plant. It was a cool fall morning, and when she saw the frosty exhalations of a serpentine line of stampeding football players, she said: "They look just like dragons!"

Minnesota State University Moorhead adopted the dragon in the spring of 1930 by a vote of the student body. The original mascot, an oriental-style dragon rising up on its haunches, stood alone as the university's symbol for several years. In the late 1930's, however, it was upstaged by the cartoon-like "Denny the Dragon."

After that, an assortment of dragons, ranging from the funny to the fierce, were used to represent the University. None of them commanded enough presence to eclipse the others—until the current design was created by Haley Johnson. Johnson was a senior art major when she conceived the updated dragon in 1987, MSU Moorhead's centennial year, and her version was adopted as the official symbol.



1930-1940's



1970-1980's



1987-Present

Faculty Members Retiring After Fall 2000:

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The Minnesota State University Moorhead banners feature the founder and the nine presidents of this institution from its founding as Moorhead Normal School to the present Minnesota State University Moorhead.

The banners were designed by Ms. Jody Bendel, Graphic Arts Specialist, and produced by the AV-TV Services Department at Minnesota State University Moorhead.



Solomon G. Comstock
1885—introduced
legislation to begin
Moorhead Normal School.

**President
Livingston Lord**
1888-1899

**President
Frank Weld**
1899-1919

**President
Oliver Dickerson**
1920-1923

**President
Ray MacLean**
1923-1941

**President
O.W. Snarr**
1941-1955

**President
A.L. Knoblauch**
1955-1958

**President
John Neumaier**
1958-1968

**President
Roland Dille**
1968-1994

**President
Roland Barden**
1994-Present

Minnesota State University Moorhead

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Dan Preston
rev. C.E.R.

Charles Gounod
arr. Charles E. Ruzicka
Notation, James Wagner



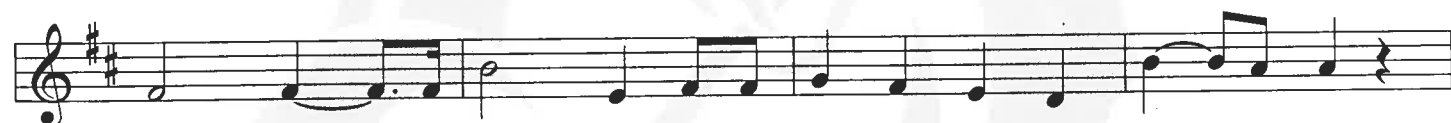
Where flows — the ri - ver through prai - ries to the val - ley North,



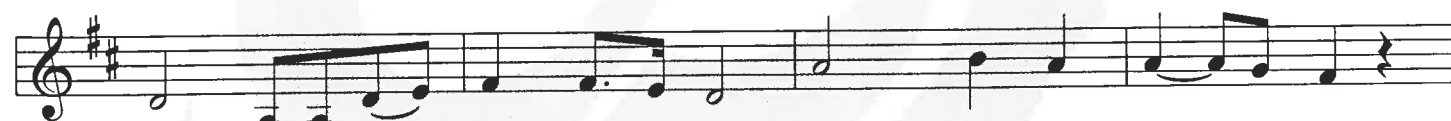
Seek - ers — of truth built a place of light and li - ber - ty.



That from — its por - tals their sons and daugh - ters might — go forth,



Through - out — the na - tion till the truth be spread that sets — us free.



Hail, M S U — Moor - head to Thee. With love and loy - al - ty.



We pass the torch — from the past to the fu - ture bright.



Hail, hail, Al - ma Ma - ter Answ' - ring e - ver to our coun - try's call,



E - ver chang - ing, e - ver con - stant, e - ver true, our Al - ma Ma - ter.